

Wayne Trace High School Band Handbook 2010-2011

Raiders

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Course Outline:

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop and refine technical skills, which will enable them to perform music at the Grade 2 – 3 level of difficulty. Students continue to experience specially arranged repertoire from all historical periods, study the characteristics of each period, and learn the correct styles of performance. A variety of traditional instrumental musical forms and the social, historical, and intellectual elements that influenced the creation of the works being studied are examined. Basic skills of major and minor scales, expanding range, and the study and performance of triads are included. Written projects in the areas of music history, performance critiques, and musical composition, etc., may be used to reinforce other areas of the curriculum. Skills in the criticism of musical performance continue to be developed. Rhythmic dictation, singing, written reflections, and experiences at musical composition and/or arranging may be included.

Course Outcomes:

The student will be able to:

- Follow classroom rehearsal procedures
- Meet individual responsibilities for care & preventive maintenance of instrument
- Follow concert performance procedures
- Meet performance obligations as indicated on the school's comprehensive instrumental calendar
- Care for school owned uniforms
- Demonstrate basic competencies of instrumental performance in the areas of tone production, intonation, articulation, range, and memorized scales
- Perform music of various genres, styles, cultures, and different historical periods employing the correct style and performance practices for each
- Demonstrate basic skills in harmony, structure, form and musical composition as they may relate to a particular piece of music
- Identify and illustrate the use of some basic music compositional devices

Descriptions:

Marching Band: With membership around 30, the marching band is a co-curricular class which brings together musical and visual performances locally and regionally.

The marching band is an outreach of the concert band and its success is directly correlated to the skills developed during concert season (November-June).

Outside of school commitments include after school rehearsals, home and away football games, various band shows and parades held September through November. Members are required to practice individually at home to memorize music.

Concert band: The concert band is the ensemble that meets November-June and is the central focus of the band program at Wayne Trace. The Concert Band does meet through the marching band season to hone the skills necessary and apply them directly to the Marching Band.

Pep Band: The Pep Band is the spirit and entertainment for the basketball season. Sign up sheets will be posted and students will be greatly encouraged to participate so each part is covered. Commitments are for the home Men's and Women's Basketball games. After school practices may apply.

Band is a year long class including marching band and concert band. It is a comprehensive course of study that lasts through the entire year. No student will be allowed to take one part of band without the other. Every effort will be made to work with student's schedules so that this can take place.

Performance Dress:

CONCERT BAND

Men: Long sleeve white dress shirt
Black dress pants
Black tie (provided by Music Dept.)
Black dress shoes and socks

Women: White blouse/top – no tank tops
Black tie (provided by Music Dept.)
Black skirt or dress pants.
Flesh colored hosiery
Black dress shoes. No sandals or open toed shoes

MARCHING BAND

Red "WT" Polos and Blue mesh shorts to be worn under Marching Band Uniform (orders will be taken during the band camp meeting)
Black Marching Band Shoes (orders will also be taken during band camp meeting)
White Gloves (order to be taken at fitting)
Long black socks
No jeans under band pants
Women hair up
No jewelry
Band hat

School Dress Codes are in affect at all times along with other school policies and procedures as set forth in the Wayne Trace Student Handbook.

Band Camp:

Band camp will be held sometime between mid July and early August each year. This week long camp along with pre-camp and post-camp is the most critical group of rehearsals pertaining to the entire marching and concert season. Every student in high school band is expected to participate in band camp.

What You Will Need for Camp:

- Water Bottle
- Sun Screen
- Packed Lunch
- Instrument
- Music and flip folder
- Pencil/s with Eraser
- Comfortable Shoes to march in. **No flip flops or sandals!**

Rehearsal Procedures:

- Be on time!
 - “To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is to be left”
 - Be respectful of the director’s time and the time of your peers!
- Get instrument out and put music in order for rehearsal, music order will be listed
- Warm-ups/stretches
- Tuning
- Music/drill rehearsal

What You Can Expect From Me (Mr. Lucas):

- Organization
- Communication
- Patience
- Timeliness
- Scheduled Breaks
- Be Prepared

What I (Mr. Lucas) Expect From You (Student):

- Timeliness
- Readiness to Learn
- Patience
- Be Prepared
- Organization
- Your Attention
- Respect for others and others property

Attendance Policy:

- Attendance is mandatory at all performance events
 - If for some reason an absence is to take place for a performance, fill out an absence form located on the music department bulletin board. If the absence is known ahead of time fill out and return the form at least one week prior to the event. If the absence is sudden and unplanned call the music office immediately and fill out an absence form as soon as possible.
 - Extreme effort is made to work around schedules of students in multiple fall activities. Please be patient and work with Mr. Lucas and Miss Spinner to come up with a schedule that will work so all students can participate.
- Excused Absence
 - An excused absence is an absence for reason of death in the family, or sickness with a doctor's note given to the music office attached to the absence form. If you are sick enough to miss a performance then you are sick enough to go to the doctor.
 - Make up work will be assigned to collect the points missed.
- Unexcused Absence
 - An unexcused absence is that which a form has not been submitted to the music office within one weeks before the absence and is not an excused absence by the reasons listed above.
 - Make up work will not be assigned and no points will be given to make up that performance.

Class Period Attendance:

Every class is worth 20pts. These points can be lost for lack of preparation for class/rehearsal including but not limited to not having a pencil, not having your music, and lack of participation. If a student is absent a day with an excused absence from the office then those 20pts are not added onto nor taken away from that student. No make up work is assigned. If a student is absent with an unexcused absence then those points are taken away from that student with no make up work as required by the student handbook and practices of Wayne Trace Schools.

The Music Room:

I. Practice Room

Students may use the practice room after school for practicing and sectional rehearsals with permission from the director. Practice rooms may be used any time during the day with a written excusal from the appropriate teacher and Mr. Lucas.

II. Main Rehearsal Room

Each person is assigned a seat according to his/her section. Each member must be in that seat during the entire rehearsal.

The rehearsal room is to be kept neat and clean at all times.

Music is stored in lockers when not in use.

The percussion equipment stored in the main band room are **NOT TO BE TOUCHED** by those who do not play them.

Students desiring to use the main band room other than during the regular class time must secure permission in advance from the director.

III. Percussion Room, Uniform Room, Storage Room

These rooms are off limits unless otherwise noted by the director. Ask permission before assuming you may enter.

IV. Pianos

Pianos in the Music Room will be locked at all times unless used for a class. Students are more than welcome to play the piano in the practice room with permission from the director.

V. Locker Room

Each student is assigned a locker at the beginning of band camp. These lockers are to be used by you only for the purpose of instrument/music storage. Do not use anyone's locker that is not yours and do not take anything from anyone's locker without permission to do so by the student assigned that locker. **No locks are provided by the music department for student lockers.** If students would like to bring their own lock they are welcome to do so but an extra key or the combination to that lock must be on file with the music office. If you do not bring a lock for your music locker do not leave valuables in your locker. **Wayne Trace Local Schools and the Wayne Trace Music Department do not take responsibility for lost or stolen property kept in lockers.**

Cell Phones:

Cell phones are not to be used during any rehearsal or practice of any kind. If a cell phone is found in use during rehearsal time it will be taken and given to the principle to be returned to the student's parents. Since band is a co-curricular activity cell phones are not prohibited. Cell phones are allowed without hesitation during break times.

Music:

All sheet music handed out to students is the property of Wayne Trace Local Schools and **costs money!** Keep your music in good order and condition as well or better than you would a text book.

Most music given to students are copies because of educational purposes but originals or copy rights have been purchased.

If you need your music replaced please fill out and return a music replacement form located on a Music Department bulletin board. Do not ask Mr. Lucas during class time if you need a new copy.

School Instrument Rental:

The Music Department has a limited number of instruments available by rental to students. These instruments are property of Wayne Trace Local Schools and should be treated with the best care as if it were your own. Damages to school instruments above normal usage will be charged to the student when the instrument is returned.

To rent a school instrument fill out an instrument rental contract, have a parent sign it and also fill out an instrument condition form. These records will be kept in the student file and the instrument inventory binder. Copies of these will also be sent home for parents to keep.

Transportation:

All students are required to ride the band bus to all traveling events and performances unless extreme instances have been taken up and approved by Mr. Lucas.

If a student wishes to ride home with his/her parent from an event fill out and return a Transportation Leave Request form located on the bulletin board in the music room. This form must be received one day prior to the traveling day of the event. **No transportation leave forms will be accepted the day of the event or at the event.**

Uniforms:

Through the support of the Wayne Trace Board of Education and the Performing Arts Association we will have new uniforms for this fall season. Every band member will receive a uniform specifically fitted for them. You are expected to respect and take care of these uniforms. Miss Spinner and Mr. Lucas will show you how to properly hang and store your uniform. It is expected that you take care of these uniforms so that future band students can enjoy nice uniforms for years to come. The average life span of a uniform is 10 years and we must get all ten out of them!

Web Page:

For the second year we will be using the department website for the most up to date information. Check there often for important information.

www.wtjrsrhsmusic.com

Practice Logs

At times throughout the year students will be assigned a practice log. This is to serve as graded practice time to show that the student is putting effort into their musical studies outside the classroom. Practice logs are always worth 75 points and is equal to 75 minutes of practicing. A 75/75 is then a 100% on the assignment for example. Students will always have a full week to practice towards an assigned practice log. If a practice log is not assigned during a particular week it doesn't mean that the student should not practice. Practicing at home is expected every week for the progress of the individual student and the band as a whole.

Playing Test/Music Check

Time to time music checks and playing tests will be a band requirement. A music check is a check to see if the student has all the music in their possession, in good order and in a flip folder if needed. Numbered measures and drill markings written into the music can also be a part of the music check if directed by Mr. Lucas. A playing test is a test of memorization or playing ability or both. In order to receive a 100% on a playing test the student must play a passage selected by Mr. Lucas to the best of their ability taking into consideration dynamics, articulations and notes. Playing tests may be announced or a surprise or pop playing test. Playing tests and music checks are each worth 25pts.

Uniform Check

After all events where full uniform is worn we will have a uniform check worth 25pts. Students are expected to store their uniform in good order and properly folded on hangers as instructed to receive a 100%.

Pencil Check

Pencil checks are taken out of the daily participation grade. When a pencil check is called the students should hold up their pencils and be accounted for. If a student does not have a pencil for a class during a pencil check then that student receives 10/20 points for that day or a 50%.

Grading Policy:

20pts per class period
250pts per performance including football games
75pts per practice log
25pts per playing test/music check off test
25pts per uniform check

I have read the band handbook for the 2010-2011 School Year and agree to abide by it to be best of my abilities and knowledge. I will communicate with Mr. Lucas about any conflicts or questions I have at any point in the school year.

_____ (Student)

_____ (Parent)

_____ (Date)